



To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

February 23, 2016

From:

Jared Chalk, Senior Business Development

Manager

**Subject**: An ordinance authorizing the vacation and release by the City of Norfolk to Two City Walk, those two easements running through the Two Commercial Place Building.

Reviewed:

Ronald H. Williams, Jr., Deputy City Manager

Ward/Superward: 2/6

Approved:

Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

**Item Number:** 

PH-9

I. <u>Recommendation:</u> Adopt Ordinance

II. Applicant: City Walk Two, LLC

#### III. Description:

This agenda item is an ordinance to authorize the vacation and release by the City of Norfolk (the "city") to City Walk Two, LLC ("City Walk") those certain two pedestrian access easements (the "easements") located and running through the Two Commercial Place building (the "building"), and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver deeds of release on behalf of the city and to do all of the things necessary and proper to effect the vacation and release of the easements.

#### IV. Analysis

The easements, dedicated by Plat on May 7, 1974 and by Deed of Easement on July 29, 1977, currently exist and run through the building. During the upcoming renovation of the building into class "A" office space, and in order to fully maximize the layout and efficiency of the building to provide for the potential tenant, City Walk has requested that the city vacate and release the easements as they are no longer needed for municipal purposes.

V. Financial Impact

N/A

VI. Environmental

N/A

# VII. Community Outreach/Notification

Public notification for this agenda item was conducted through the city's agenda notification process.

## VIII. Board/Commission Action

N/A

## IX. Coordination/Outreach

This letter and ordinance have been coordinated with the Department of Development, Department of City Planning, and the City Attorney's Office.

Supporting Material from the Department of Development:

- Ordinance
- Exhibits A and B

By Office of the City Attorney

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

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## **ORDINANCE** No.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION AND RELEASE BY THE CITY OF NORFOLK TO CITY WALK TWO, LLC, THOSE CERTAIN TWO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS EASEMENTS LOCATED ON AND RUNNING THROUGH THE TWO COMMERCIAL PLACE BUILDING; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER DEEDS OF RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND TO DO ALL OF THE THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECT THE VACATION AND RELEASE OF SAID PEDESTRIAN ACCESS EASEMENTS.

WHEREAS, by Deed of Easement dated July 29, 1977 and recorded in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of the City of Norfolk, in Deed Book 1412, at page 817, Norfolk Offices, LTD. and Norfolk Offices, Inc. conveyed to the City of Norfolk ("City) an easement ("Pedestrian Easement 1") for permanent, non-exclusive pedestrian access, located and running north-south through the Two Commercial Place Building ("Building"), as described in "Schedule A - Description of Easement," attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, by Plat dated May 7, 1974 and recorded in Map Book 28, page 90, entitled "Disposition Plat of Parcel 77-A-1 & 77-A-2 Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority," and by Plat dated August 14, 1974 and recorded in Map Book 28, page 101, entitled "Amended Disposition Plat of Parcel 77-A-1 & 77-A-2 Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority," there is dedicated to

the City a twenty-four foot (24') wide easement ("Pedestrian Easement 2") for public pedestrian access, located and running east-west through the Building, as described in "Schedule B - Description of Easement," attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit B">Exhibit B</a>; and

WHEREAS, by deed dated January 7, 2016 and recorded January 7, 2016 as Instrument No. 160000332, City Walk Two, LLC ("City Walk"), became the record title owner of certain property, a part of which includes the Building, upon which Pedestrian Easements 1 and 2 are located; and

WHEREAS, City Walk has requested that the City vacate and release the Pedestrian Easements 1 and 2, and the City has determined that the easements are no longer needed for municipal purposes; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the Pedestrian Easements 1 and 2 located on and running through the Building, being described on Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B attached hereto, are hereby vacated and released.

Section 2:- That the City Manager and other proper officers of the City are authorized to deliver Deeds of Release, in form satisfactory to the City Attorney, and do all things necessary and proper to effect the vacation and release of the above described pedestrian easements.

Section 3:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after 30 days from the date of its adoption.

### **EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE**

SCHEDULE "A"

Description of Easement

#### Public Pedestrian Easement:

A non-exclusive and perpetual easement for public pedestrian access through the column of air beginning at the northern street line of Waterfront Drive and running through Parcel 77-A-1, as shown on a plat of survey entitled "Amended Disposition Plat of Parcel 77-A-1 & 77-A-2, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Norfolk, Virginia," which plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, in Map Book 28, at Page 95-7, traversing a distance of three hundred forty (340) feet, more or less, and extending public pedestrian access within the Waterfront Drive Pedestrian Bridge, into and through the Royster Building (formerly the ICC Building), to Commercial Place, from the said northern street line of Waterfront Drive northwardly to the southern street line of the square at the intersection of Main Street and Commercial Place, running through the existing Waterfront Drive pedestrian bridge as it crosses the northern street line of Waterfront Drive pedestrian bridge as it crosses the northern street line of the Royster Building and running through the present passageways of said building upon the same level to and through the main lobby of said building, down the existing interior steps, through the main entrance doors and down the exterior steps to the aforesaíd public pedestrian access through the column of air beginning existing interior steps, through the main entrance doors and down the exterior steps to the aforesaid public street right-of-way of the Commercial Place square, in all cases, said easement to be no less than seven (7) feet in width and eight (8) feet in height, upon the floor surfaces, and crossing through the retail first level of the building as described above.

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